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REMARKS

The present application includes claims 1-2, 4-13, 15-17, 19-23, and 37-44. By this Amendment, claims 37 and 40-44 have been canceled.

In the Office Action of July 13, 2007, two distinct inventive groups were identified and restriction to one of the groups was required. The two groups were identified as:

Group I: Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15-17, 19-23, and 38-39, drawn to a layered foundation or artificial turf, classified in class 428, subclass 15.

Group II: Claims 37 and 40-44, drawn to a surface laminate having a layer of non-uniform thickness, classified in class 428, subclass 156.

Consequently, the Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I and has thus canceled the claims of Group II. The Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the claims of Group II in a later continuation and the cancellation of the claims of Group II does not represent any disclaimer of claim scope.

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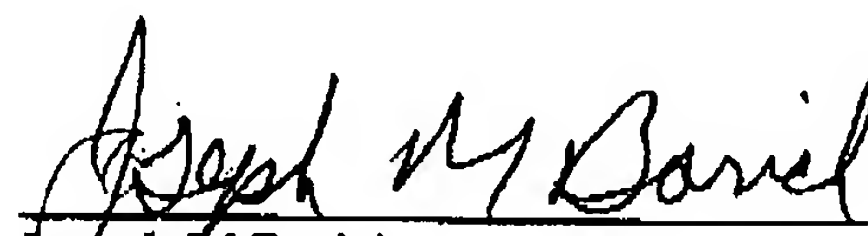
CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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